Iowa Department of Natural Resources Natural Resources Commission

ITEM 11 DECISION

TOPIC 28E Agreement for Watershed Protection – Lost Grove Lake (Scott County)

The Commission is requested to approve a 28E Agreement between the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the Scott County Soil and Water Conservation District (Scott County SWCD). The agreement will provide a framework for joint funding and administration at the county-level of incentives that will be used to improve water quality at Lost Grove Lake through the installation of filter strips and procurement of conservation easements.

The agreement will require the Department to provide oversight of the Scott County SWCD-administered program and a financial commitment of not more than \$30,000 total over three years, or 50% of Scott County SWCD's match, whichever is less. Scott County SWCD may, and will be encouraged to, solicit matching funds from other interested partners, including but not limited to: Pheasants Forever, the Quad City Conservation Alliance, the Izaak Walton, and Waterfowl USA. The Department's future funding of this program will require the Department, IDALS Division of Soil Conservation, and Scott County SWCD to work with potential public and private funding sources based on the successes they realize during this initial phase.

The Department will use the Fisheries/Lake Restoration program's funds to meet the Department's obligations pursuant to this agreement.

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